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ANALYZE THE POLITICAL CARTOON

- 1 Why is President Obama depicted as the engineer on this train?
- 2 Why is he making noises for the train? Who is he trying to convince that the train is moving forward?
- 3 Do you think it is Obama's fault that the train—and the economy—isn't moving? Why or why not?
- 4 How does the state of the economy affect Obama's approval rating? How might it affect the upcoming midterm elections?

PHOTO ANALYSIS



KHALID TANVEER/AP IMAGES

ANALYZE THE PHOTO (See p. 12 in the issue)

- 1 What does the photo reveal about the situation in Pakistan after the recent flooding?
- 2 What do you think these people have lost? What problems will they face when the water recedes?
- 3 What aid will these people need, and who will provide it?

ESSAY

Do wealthy countries like the U.S. have a responsibility to help when disasters strike poorer nations like Pakistan? Explain.